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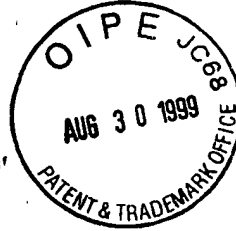
In re application of:

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 1 without prejudice. Please add the following new claims:

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--2. A collective procurement management system comprising: at least one

purchaser terminal;

at least one supplier terminal;

purchase request processing means for accepting a plurality of purchase requests

from a plurality of potential purchasers through said at least one purchaser terminal;

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purchase request grouping means for selectively grouping said plurality of

purchase requests to create a collective procurement order; and

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